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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action, claims 1 to 4, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 16, 22 to 26, 28, and 30 to 37 were allowed; claims 18 to 20 were rejected.

With the present amendment, claims 18 and 19 have been amended and claim 20 has been canceled.

With the amendments to claims 18 and 19, the subject matter of the claim 18 is patentable over Kawamura JP'185, Kawamura JP'242, Bonham and Foss et al (US 5,266,651) and the subject matter of claim 19 is patentable over Kawamura JP'242. The rejection of claim 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Kawamura JP'242 is moot since claim 20 has been canceled.

Applicants also note from the Office Action that the Patent Office has not yet received a certified copy of the priority document. Applicants are in the process of obtaining the certified copy of the priority document and will file the certified copy of the priority document with the Patent Office upon receipt.

Applicants also file a Change of Correspondence Address *Application*.

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In view of the above amendments, applicants' remaining claims 19 and 19 are now patentable over the prior art of record. Withdrawal of the rejections of record is requested and issuance of a notice of allowance is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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